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1. On the afternoon of 17 September 1951, a Polish military train consisting of 30 freight cars arrived in Zilina (Q50/092) from the north. Approximately 15 of the freight cars were open, and each contained 10 Polish soldiers in addition to machine guns and mortars. One railroader who spoke a little Polish queried the troops and was told that the train was destined for Budapest. After a brief stop at Zilina station, the train continued south.
2. During the week of 23 September to 1 October 1951, about 80 percent of the Zilina garrison was transferred to Bohemia and Moravia. The move was made during night hours and trucks were used to transport all but approximately 800 troops, who were moved by rail from the Zilina railroad station. The soldiers were equipped with new uniforms and boots. Equipment was moved by rail in the direction of Puchov (P50/061).
3. Beginning on the night of 30 September 1951, three shipments of tanks were made from Zilina. The first movement consisted of three tanks of the German "Tiger" type and nine Czech tanks. On 1 October a second shipment consisting of 12 Czech tanks was made, and on 2 October the third shipment, also consisting of 12 Czech tanks, was accomplished. The tanks arrived at Zilina railroad station from Zilina airforce barracks and left the city heading west.\*
4. During the night of 1-2 October 1951, two Soviet military transports passed through Zilina in a westerly direction headed for Znojmo. The first arrived at 1:30 A.M., the second at 2:00 A.M. Each transport consisted of two closed freight cars and approximately thirty open four-axle flatcars. Each of the flatcars was manned by four Soviet soldiers wearing winter uniforms, and carried one large gun covered with a tarpaulin. The guns appeared to have a barrel about 25 feet long, with recoil cylinders about 10 feet in length on each side. It could not be ascertained from where the transports originated.
5. On 16 September 1951, a large shoe shipment was transloaded at Cierna nad Tisou, destined via the USSR for China. The delivery was labeled:  
"ZASILKA 50,000 PARU BOT PRO LIDOVOU CINU Z PREBYTKU Ceske Slovenski VIROBY" (Delivery of 50,000 pairs of shoes for Peoples' China from Czechoslovak production surplus.)

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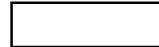
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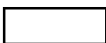
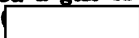
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\*  Comment: These tanks were about 21 feet long, 9 feet wide and 7½ feet high and carried a gun of about 8 cm caliber. The tanks had five large drive wheels.  Comment: This description fits the T-34 tank.)

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